

WILSON WILL ARM SHIPS CALLS EXTRA SESSION

BRAVE BALL PLAYERS NEAR LIFEBOATS



There may not be any submarines in the offing, but the Phillies, en route to their St. Petersburg camp, are not taking any chances.

UNITED STATES NAVY READY, SAYS DANIELS, AS PRESIDENT CASTS DIE IN U-BOAT CRISIS

Congress Will Meet April 16 as "Extraordinary Situation" Faces Country, But Meanwhile Executive Will Defend American Life and Property

PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION CALLING EXTRA CONGRESS

By the President of the United States of America: A proclamation: "Whereas, the public interest requires that the Congress of the United States should be convened in extra session at 12 o'clock noon on the sixteenth day of April, 1917, to receive such communications as may be made by the Executive."

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U. S. NAVY IS READY After the White House announcement the Navy Department announced that "we are prepared as to gunners as well as guns."

QUICK NEWS

BASKETBALL SCORES table with columns for team names and scores.

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS table with columns for race names and winners.

BRICK MANUFACTURERS COMMEND THE PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, March 9.—A resolution commending the Government for its investigation of coal prices was adopted at the closing session of the National Brick Manufacturers' Association convention here today.

175 PERISH IN SINKING OF BRITISH TRANSPORT

LONDON, March 9.—Ten Europeans and 165 African native laborers perished when the British transport Mendil sunk after a collision February 21, the War Office announced today.

AHEAD OF MARATHON BICYCLE RECORD

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—At 12:30 this afternoon the six-day bicycle riders at the Auditorium track had covered 2169 miles and nine laps and were twenty miles and one lap ahead of the record.

COMMERCE BOARD SUSPENDS RATE INCREASE

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today suspended until July 8 the proposed increases of rates on grain and flour from St. Louis and Cairo, Ill., to Arkansas points on the Rock Island Railroad.

CAR SHORTAGE CLOSES MINNEAPOLIS FLOUR MILLS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 9.—Two of the five mills of the Pillsbury Flour Mills Company were closed today because of car shortage.

GERMANS CLOSE DUTCH-BELGIAN FRONTIER

LONDON, March 9.—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam this afternoon reported that the German military authorities have closed the Dutch-Belgian frontier as if in preparation for an important military movement.

MILLION DOLLARS BAIL ASKED FOR GOMEZ

HAVANA, March 9.—Bail for General Gomez, captured rebel leader, was set at a round million dollars. No one has yet come forward with this staggering amount of money to permit release of the rebel chieftain.

GREAT FIRE DESTROYS GRAIN IN DETROIT ELEVATOR

DETROIT, March 9.—Loss estimated at \$1,000,000 was caused by a fire started in the engine room of the Detroit Railroad elevator this afternoon. More than half a million bushels of grain, principally wheat, were destroyed.

BAYONNE SILK MILL GIRLS ON STRIKE

BAYONNE, N. J., March 9.—Nine hundred girls employed in the Schwartzbach-Huber Silk Mills here struck today for a ten per cent increase in wages.

CITY CAN BUY EGGS AT 23 CENTS A DOZEN

The city can buy its eggs at twenty-three cents a dozen, or about half the regular retail price, according to the bids which were opened by the Department of Supplies this morning.

BRITISH SHIPS FOR DANGER ZONE BAR WOMEN

NEW YORK, March 9.—An order forbidding women to travel on British ships crossing the war zone was posted in the British Consulate here today.

VARE AND OTHER STREET CONTRACTORS FINED

Edwin H. Vane and other contractors were fined heavily within the last month for failure to fulfill in every detail the specifications of contracts entered into with the city.

U. S. DIPLOMATS REACH HAVANA FROM GERMANY

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Seven Americans connected with the American diplomatic service in Germany have reached Havana, according to official advices reaching the State Department today.

TAYLOR PLANS REPLY IN ROW OVER TRANSIT

Former Director Will Answer Twining on Estimates of Cost

DEFICIT OF \$18,975,000

Rapid Transit Costs in Twining Estimate

Table showing transit costs: Transit money appropriated by Councils \$63,100,000; Transit cost as estimated by Twining 90,980,000; Deficit, according to Twining 27,880,000.

Former Transit Director A. Merritt Taylor this afternoon broke the silence he has maintained on the transit controversy since his return from Florida and announced that he was preparing for immediate publication a statement in answer to the revised schedule of construction costs made public today by Transit Director Twining and forwarded to the Public Service Commission.

Transit Director Twining submitted to the Public Service Commission today detailed figures and estimates prepared by the engineers in his department, checked and approved by the firm of Ford, Bacon & Davis, New York experts, showing that a total of \$90,980,000 will be needed to complete the city's entire high-speed system in view of the prevailing high prices for labor and materials.

The total amounts authorized by Councils toward the construction of the various lines is \$63,100,000. The deficit, therefore, should the lines be completed at present prices, would be \$27,880,000. The grand total, however, includes \$4,995,000 for the proposed Chestnut street subway, which it is not planned to build in the immediate future unless an agreement should fall to be reached between the city and the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

Councils has already authorized an appropriation of \$5,000,000 toward the construction of the Chestnut street line. Assuming that this project is abandoned temporarily and the \$5,000,000 be made available for use on the other lines, the actual deficit would be reduced to \$18,975,000.

The estimates contained in the Director's report to the commission include also interest and sinking fund charges on the bonds floated for construction work, six per cent of the total, to cover engineering and superintendence, and seven per cent for incidentals and contingencies.

FRENCH'S SISTER WAR VICTIM

Mrs. Harley Dies of Wound Received From Enemy Shell at Monastir

SALONICA, March 9.—Mrs. Harley, a sister of Lord French, commander-in-chief of the British home defense corps, died at Monastir from a wound received when a shell struck an ambulance to which she was attached.

Hot Springs Results

Table of horse race results for Hot Springs, listing race names, winners, and odds.

Havana Results

Table of horse race results for Havana, listing race names, winners, and odds.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Fair tonight, Saturday and Sunday; lowest temperature tonight about thirty-two degrees; gentle, variable winds.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises, 6:22 a.m.; Moon sets, 7:50 p.m.

BURKE'S BARROOM NOT YET TO OPEN

Court Holds License Under Adversement After Renewal of Bitter Fight CALLED UNNECESSARY

GERMAN NAVAL OFFICER ARRESTED

Captain Fritzen Accused of Implication in Plot RESULT OF LONG SEARCH

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 9. A French woman, as zealous for the Allies' cause as Alfred Fritzen is alleged to be for the Germans, caused Fritzen's arrest as a plot suspect, a Department of Justice agent declared this afternoon.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 9. Alleged to be connected with plots to destroy the Welland Canal and to be implicated in other unneutral acts in America, Captain Alfred Fritzen, a German officer, was arrested today by agents of the Department of Justice in Alhambra, near here.

WILL CONCEAL NAMES OF VESSELS

The names of the vessels which will be armed first will not be made public. In reaching his decision today the President had the legal support of both Secretary Lansing and Attorney General Gregory.

11:30 CURFEW TOLLS FOR WASHINGTON THEATRE

Court Orders Closing of Society Rendezvous Before Midnight

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Curfew will ring henceforth at 11:30 p. m. for the Playhouse, society's little rendezvous across from the British Embassy.

The District Supreme Court today signed an order to this effect after Rear Admiral and Mrs. Schroeder, who live next door, had asked for an injunction against the Playhouse.

British Ambassador Spring-Rice offered written testimony in support of the Schroeder's request, but it was thrown out of court when the diplomat declined to appear in person.